

Commission Meeting – (Adopted Jun 6, 2014)

MINUTES

MAY 9, 2014

10:00 A.M.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER	Ruth Revels, Chairperson
ROLL CALL	Sue Faircloth, Recording Secretary
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Ruth Revels: Marvel Welch accept agenda as amended - second Charlene Jacobs- carried
	Motion: Dorothy Crowe (second Furnie Locklear) (agenda amended) Proposed changes in SACIE legislation–Carried
	Motion: Marvel Welch (second Shirley Freeman) (agenda amended) Indian Child Welfare Report – Nominations to committee-Carried

Agenda topics

FEDERAL RECOGNITION REQUEST – MEHERRIN TRIBE	CHIEF WAYNE BROWN
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DISCUSSION	The Meherrin Tribe is officially requesting that the Commission submit letters of support for their federal recognition petition to the BIA. There was discussion whether the tribes and organizations are being asked for support letters. Chief Wayne Brown noted that letters will be sent to each tribe and organizations and a formal letter to the commission. Marvel Welch noted that she was not prepared to vote on this issue at this meeting because the tribe did not have prior notice of the action, other members responded in the same way.	
CONCLUSIONS	Marvel Welch made a motion, seconded by Furnie Lambert, to table this discussion until Chief Brown gets letters out to the tribes and organizations and the commission. The item can then be placed on the June 6 meeting agenda for discussion and approval. Motion carried.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Follow up with Chief Brown before minutes are sent out.	Greg Richardson	

**NC INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENTS**

**ELTON RAY JACOBS, CHAIR,
HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

DISCUSSION	This item is a follow-up from the March meeting. There is one vacancy from Guilford Native American Association. A letter has been received recommending Mr. Thurman Lowry (first choice) and Christopher Locklear (second choice). Elton Jacobs reported that the committee has acted on the recommendation. (See spreadsheet attached to agenda)	
CONCLUSIONS	Committee Motion: to accept recommendation of the Human Resources Committee. Motion seconded by Roy Maynor and carried. Ray Jacobs abstained from vote.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Forward recommendation to Governor's office	Greg Richardson	

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN
EDUCATION APPOINTMENTS**

**DOROTHY CROWE, CHAIR,
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

DISCUSSION	Education Committee passed motion to recommend Trina Bennett, Kathy Chavis, Karen Goins Kueny and Chenoa Davis to the SACIE as indicated on the attached spreadsheet.	
CONCLUSIONS	Marvel Welch made motion, seconded by Sam Lambert, to accept recommendation of the Education Committee. Carried	
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**NEW RECOGNITION LEGISLATION OVERVIEW –
TITLE – ENHANCE STATE TRIBE RECOGNITION**

**GREG RICHARDSON,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

DISCUSSION	<p>Larece Hunt reported that the Recognition Committee met and discussed a legislative proposal regarding the tribal recognition process. It was noted that legislation and administrative rules are already in place governing the North Carolina state recognition process. The new bill will speed up the process of petition process. There are now five groups who have submitted petitions and cannot be processed in one year.</p> <p>There was much discussion in opposition of the legislation. It was noted that the commission members are volunteers and cannot commit to the time demands imposed by the language in the proposed legislation. Additionally, the proposed timelines would impose unrealistic response requirements on the recognition process and likely lead to costly and unwinnable legal appeals.</p> <p>The Recognition Committee took action to recommend and request that the commission oppose this legislation.</p>
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CONCLUSIONS	<p>The Recognition Committee Chairman, Larece Hunt, made a motion; seconded by Charlene Jacobs, to oppose the proposed legislation. Motion carried.</p> <p>Furnie Lambert made a motion, seconded by Charlene Jacobs, that this information be shared with the Department of Administration’s legislative liaison, Secretary of Administration, Bill Daughtridge, Jr., and Representative Bob Steinburg, Co-Chair of the House Committee on Chowanoke Nation Recognition. Motion carried.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to take this issue back to their tribes and organizations encouraging them to contact their representatives in the legislature and express their opposition to the proposed legislation.</p> <p>A meeting will be held with Recognition Committee Chair, Commission Chair, Greg Richardson and Secretary Daughtridge, Jr., to discuss this action.</p>
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<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>There was discussion on the proposed changes to the SACIE legislation.</p> <p>The current language at NCGS 115C-210.1.(4) requires that the membership of the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) include eight (8) American Indian parents of students enrolled in public schools and two (2) American Indian educators from public elementary/secondary schools to be appointed by the State Board of Education from a list submitted by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.</p> <p>The proposed changes to NCGS 115C-210.1.(4) would propose that the membership of the SACIE be changed to require that only four (4) American Indian parents of students enrolled in public schools and four (4) American Indian educators from the public schools system grades K through 12; and a Title VII representative and an additional educator, both appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.</p> <p>It was felt by DPI that the work of SACIE is becoming more technical and more educators are needed on the committee. Underachievement in the last report on American Indian education brought this to the surface. Proposed legislation was sent to DPI attorneys on May 8th. A copy will be sent to the Commission as soon as finalized.</p> <p>It was recommended that the Chair of the State Board of Education be included in this conversation, since SACIE has a direct link to this position. It was also recommended to include the SACIE Committee Chair.</p> <p>It was further recommended that SACIE and the Commission of Indian Affairs' Education Committee Chairman be involved with naming these seats. There was a concern that American Indian higher education supporters and American Indian parents are being eliminated from the SACIE process.</p>
	<p>CONCLUSIONS</p> <p>Dorothy Crowe made a motion, seconded by Brett Locklear that No changes are to be made to the SACIE legislation until the NCCIA has seen a copy of the proposed changes and have an opportunity to meet</p>

	<p>and discuss them. Further, that a meeting be held between the Commission's Education Committee Chair, Dr. Olivia Oxendine, State Board of Education member and SACIE liaison, Commission Chair, Commission's Executive Director, State Board of Education Chair, and Debra Williams to discuss proposed legislation and bring recommendations back to the Commission for discussion at the June meeting. Carried.</p> <p>DPI will be notified of this decision. Dorothy Crowe will send email to them regarding the vote.</p> <p>Greg Richardson noted that there may not be time to accomplish this motion because the legislation is coming to town on a fast track and will convene on May 14th (next week).</p> <p>It was recommended that Dorothy Crowe set up a meeting with SACIE Chair and request that she set up meeting with the State Board of Education Chair immediately to discuss this issue.</p>
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INDIAN CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE		MARVEL WELCH, CHAIR INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION	Marvel Welch reported that the Indian Child Welfare Committee met and talked about two goals for this year; 1) developing video on foster care for Indian children and, 2) "The Gathering". She requested two members be added to the Committee: Jessie Jacobs (MNAA) and Patrick Betancourt (adhoc member) with Division of Social Services. Ruth will appoint these members to the committee. Updated committee list will be made available at the June meeting.	
CONCLUSIONS		
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<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Marvel Welch and Jessie Jacobs reported that they attended a meeting regarding this issue. In a private meeting with Dr. Arthur Jackson, there was discussion on ways the University could deter these kinds of situations: 1) monitor all events on campus before they happen, 2) move Josh (Indian student) to new position in the Diversity Office, 3) a new diversity employee is being hired. There was also discussion on funds available at the college for activities such as powwows. The University will be working with Metrolina Native American Association on this event.</p>	
	<p>There was discussion on identifying American Indian students at the University and how to get them involved with activities at the University.</p>	
	<p>Greg Richardson reported a positive meeting. Dr. Jackson will consider and is excited about the possibility of hosting the Indian Youth Unity Conference in the future. He has also been invited to get involved with the Indian Unity Conference and have a booth.</p>	
	<p>Brett Locklear recommended that policy be created and a resolution passed that can be used should incidences such as this occur in the future. Chairman Revels recommended that Brett Locklear and Dorothy Crowe talk about this and let the Education Committee bring a resolution to the June commission meeting for review and approval.</p>	
<p>CONCLUSIONS</p>	<p>Brett Locklear made a motion, seconded by Roy Maynor, that the Commission submit letter to the Administration, with a cc: to the Chancellor of UNC Charlotte, that we appreciate their efforts and work and look forward to positive changes and the inclusivity of American Indians in their programs and advocate partnership and collaboration with Metrolina Native American Association and the Indian student organization on campus. Carried.</p>	
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June meeting June 6, 10 am UNC - Pembroke